

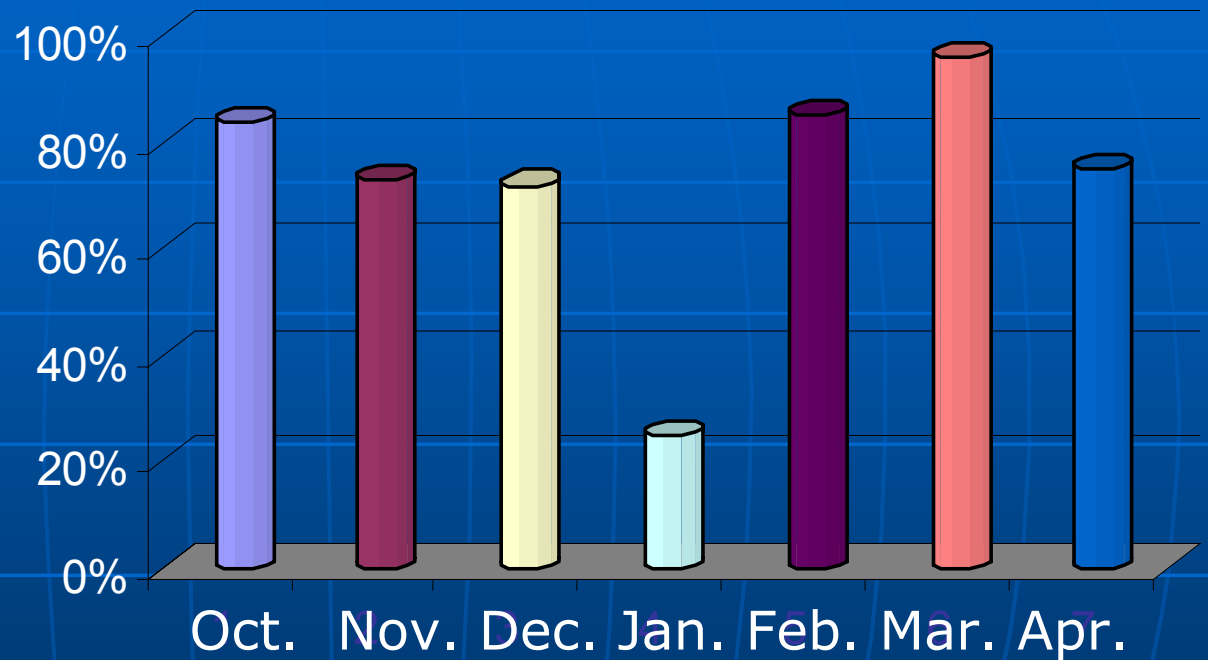
# Hydrologic Outlook

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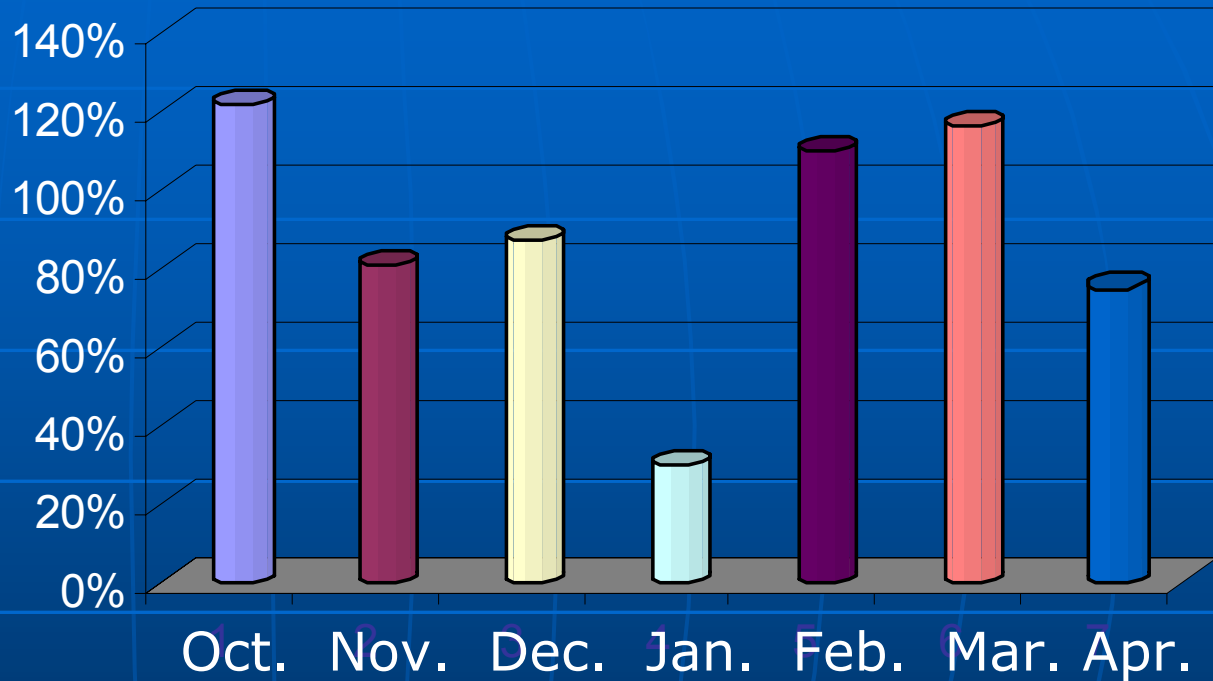
# Great Basin Precipitation

■ Oct.	84%
■ Nov.	73%
■ Dec.	72%
■ Jan.	40%
■ Feb.	85%
■ Mar.	96%
■ Apr.	75%



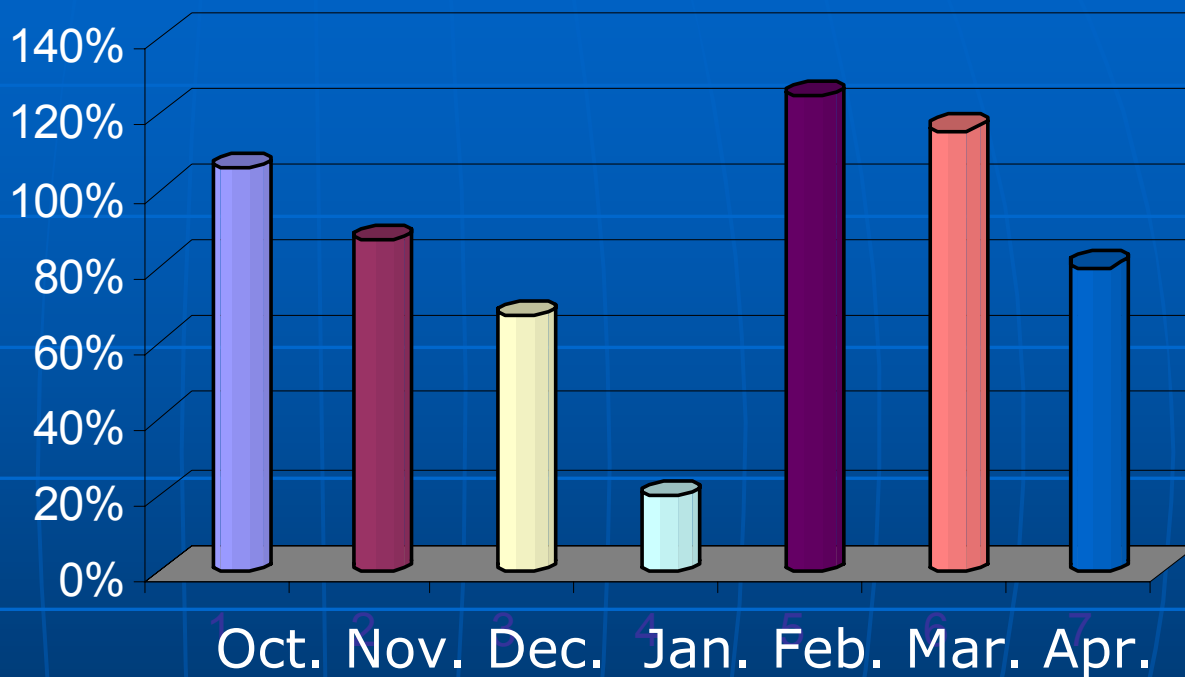
# Sevier River Basin Precipitation

■ Oct.	122%
■ Nov.	81%
■ Dec.	87%
■ Jan.	30%
■ Feb.	110%
■ Mar.	116%
■ Apr.	75%



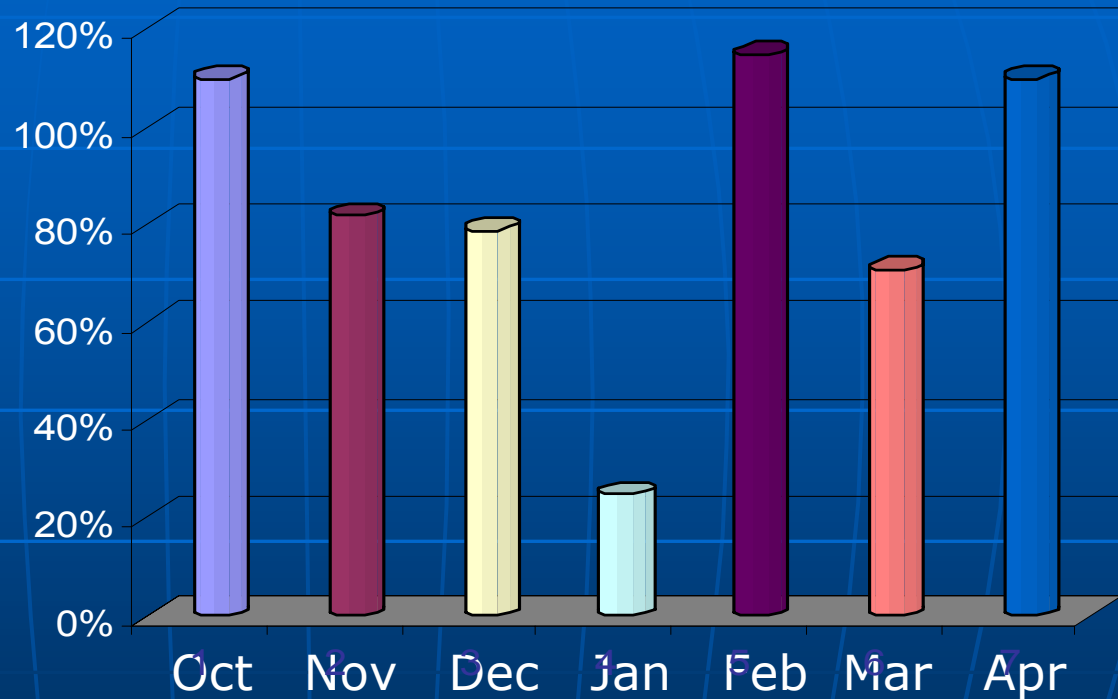
# Green River Basin Precipitation

■ Oct.	106%
■ Nov.	87%
■ Dec.	67%
■ Jan.	50%
■ Feb.	125%
■ Mar.	116%
■ Apr.	80%



# Virgin River Basin Precipitation

■	Oct.	110%
■	Nov.	82%
■	Dec.	79%
■	Jan.	25%
■	Feb.	115%
■	Mar.	71%
■	Apr.	110%

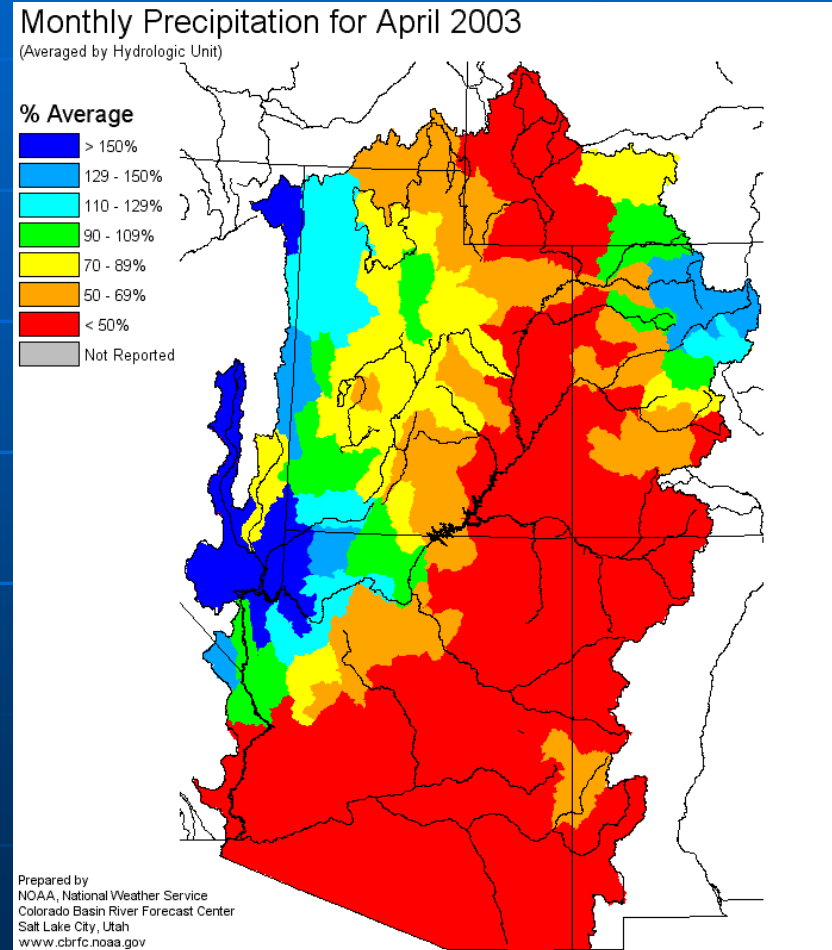


# Graphical Precipitation Map

## April 2003

### Utah and Surrounding Area

- Great Basin area received approximately 75% of normal precipitation amounts
- Eastern Utah received below 50%
- Western Utah received near normal amounts

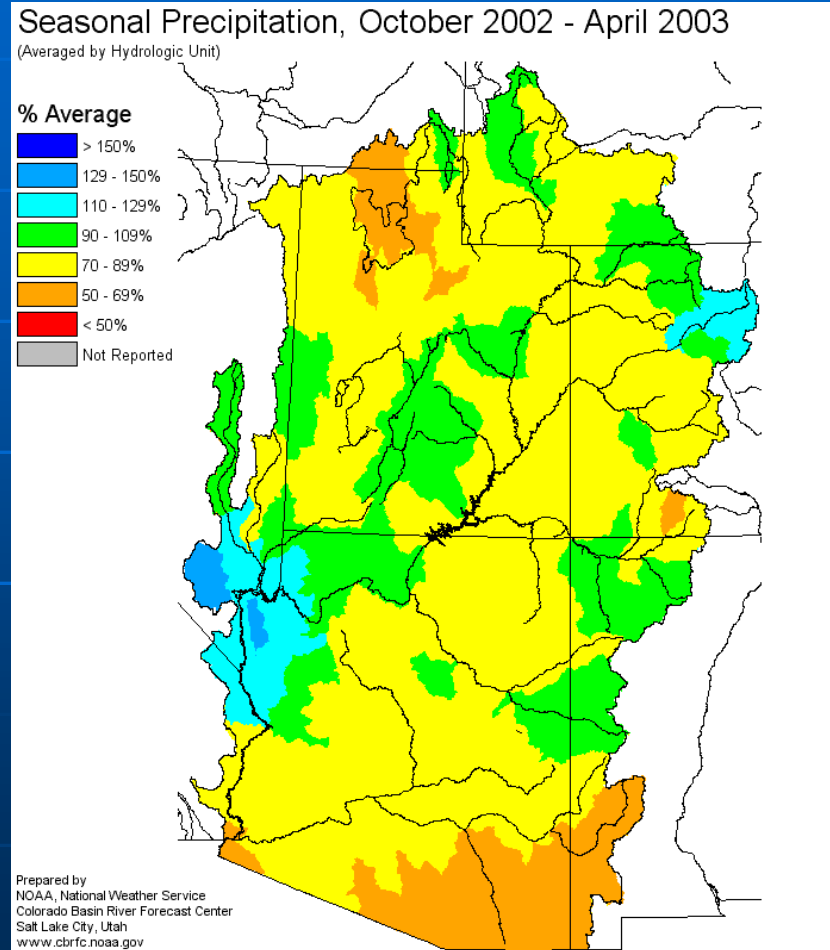


# Graphical Precipitation Map

## October through April

### Utah and Surrounding Area

- Wasatch front received between 50-69% of normal
- Remainder of the state has received below to normal amounts

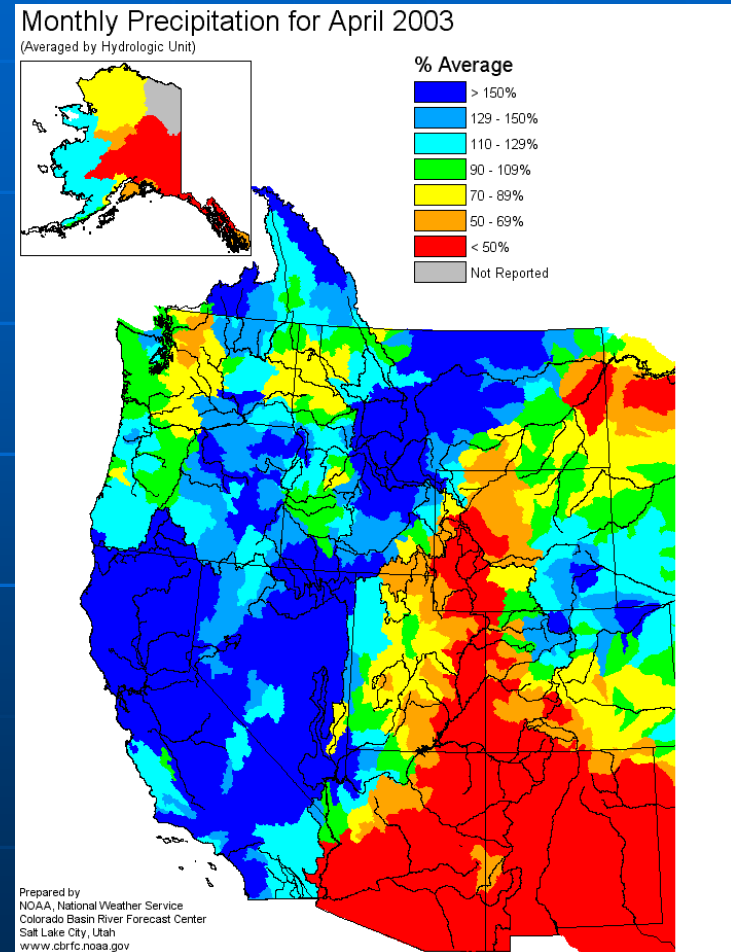


# Graphical Precipitation Map

## April 2003

### Western U.S.

- Areas West and north of Utah received above 150% of normal
- South and southwest received below 50% of normal
- Utah once again missed the heavier precipitation amounts





# Graphical Precipitation Map

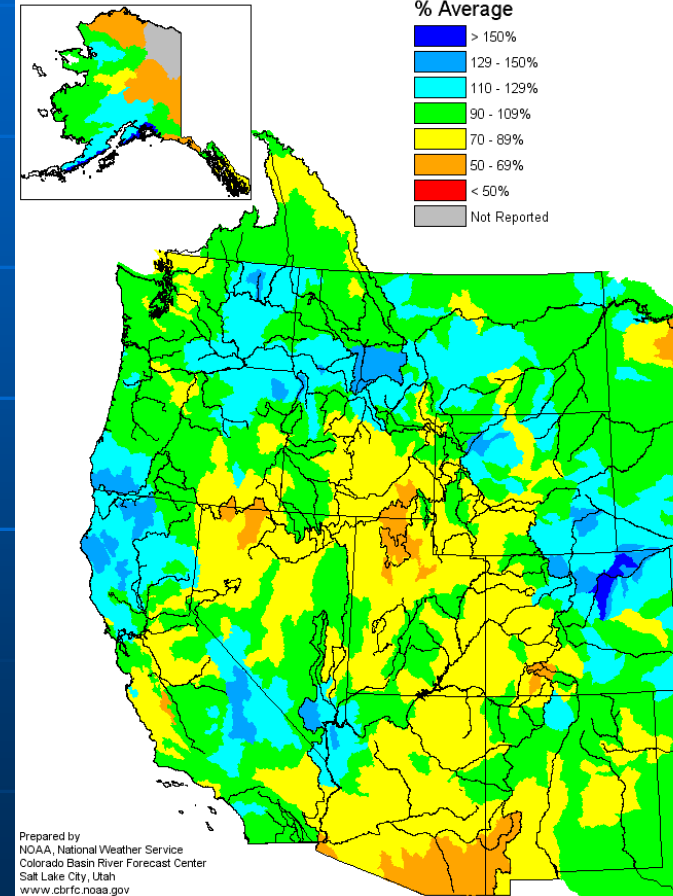
## October through April

### Western U.S.

- Utah and Arizona areas are currently the driest of the west
- Utah Averaged 70-89% of normal

Seasonal Precipitation, October 2002 - April 2003

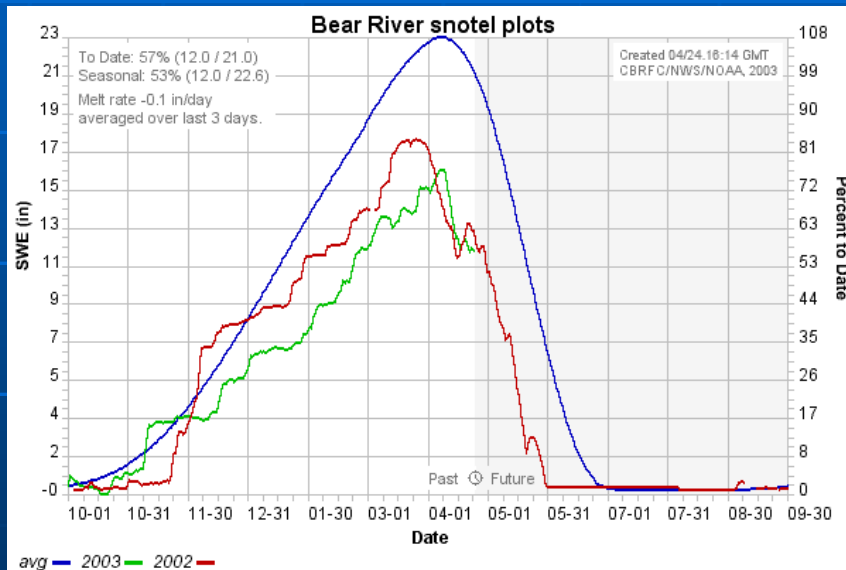
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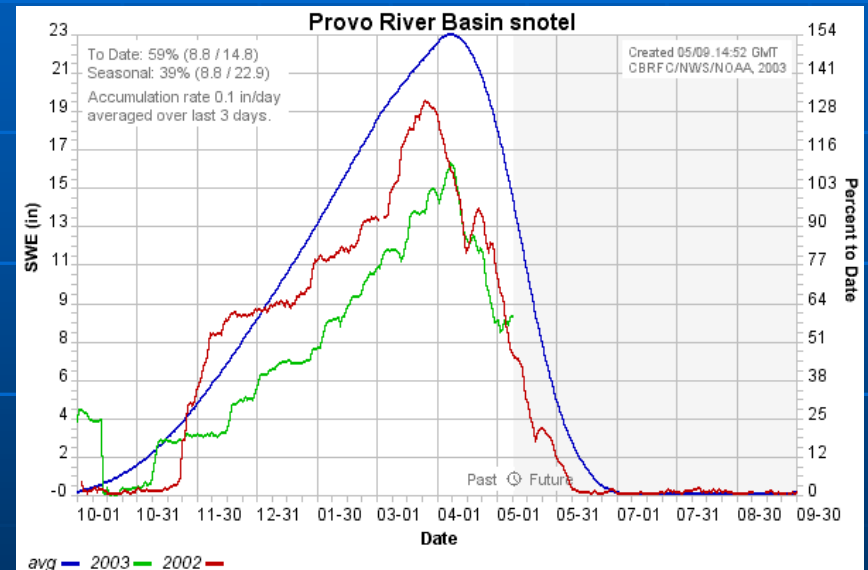
# Utah Snow Amounts

Blue line indicates average year

Red line indicates last year (2002)



Bear River Basin



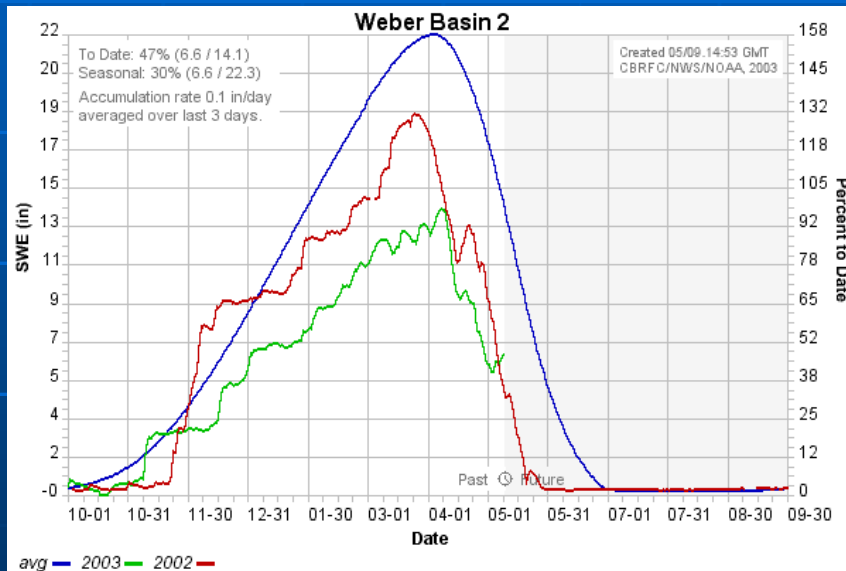
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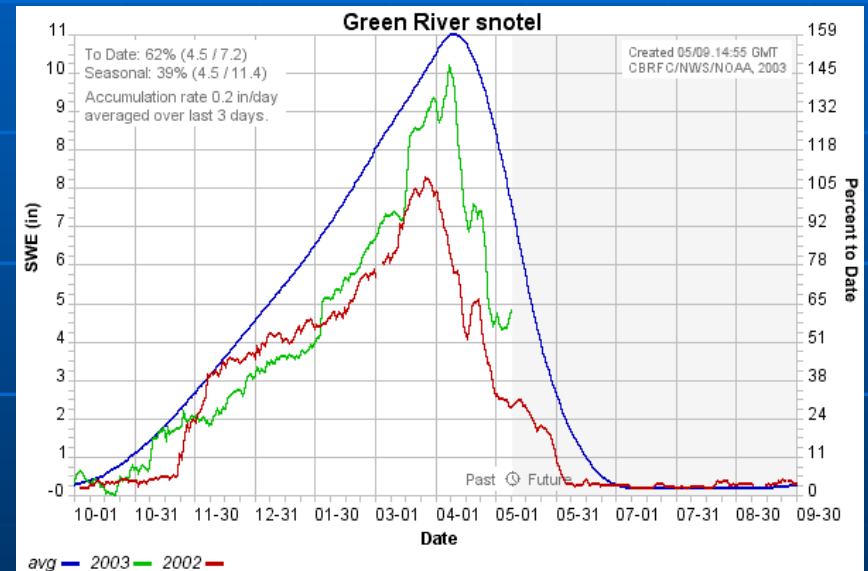
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Weber River Basin



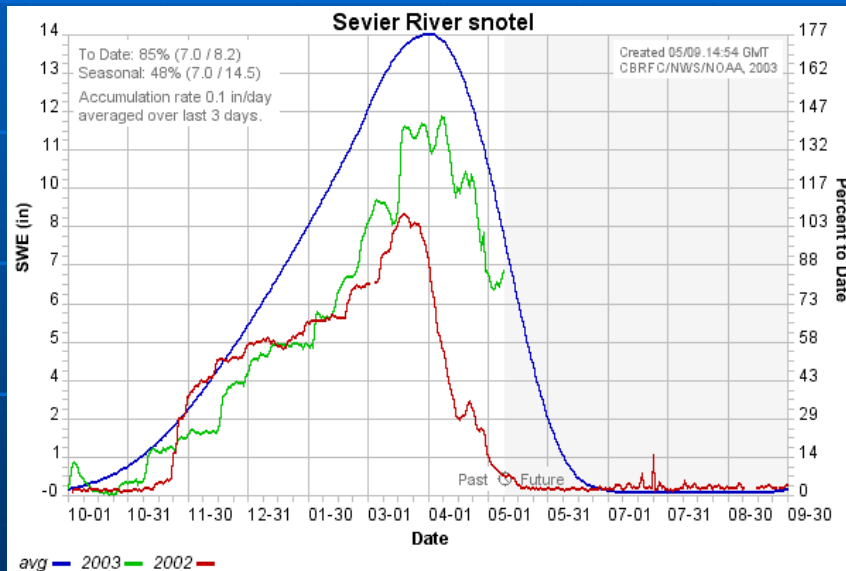
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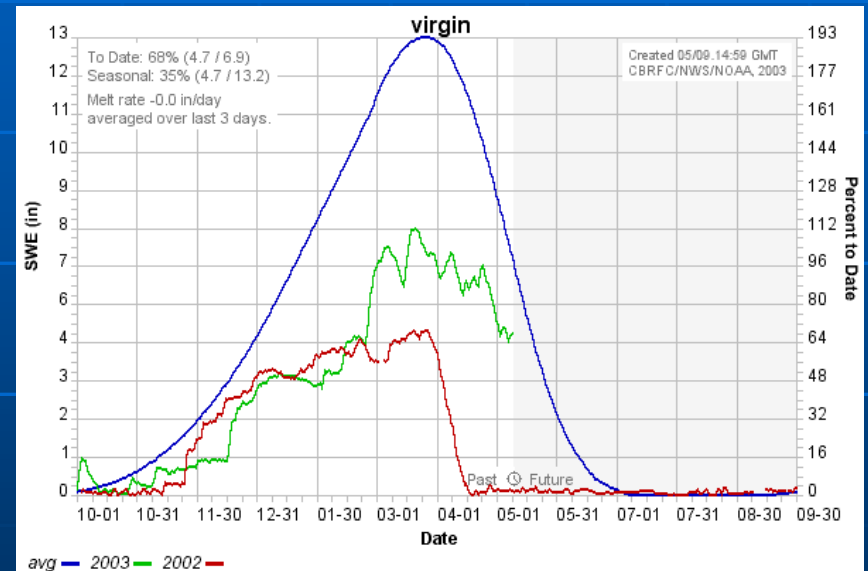
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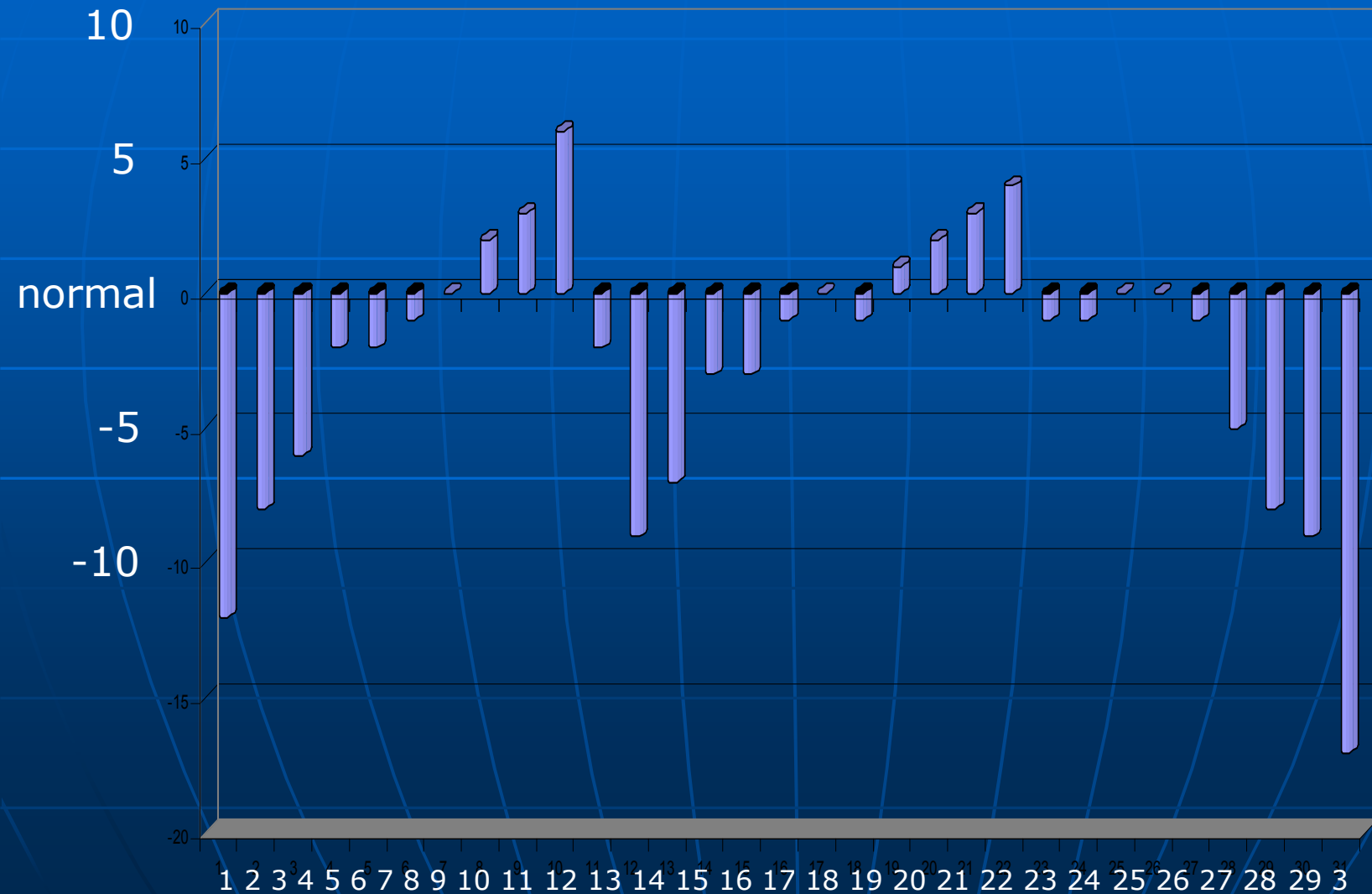
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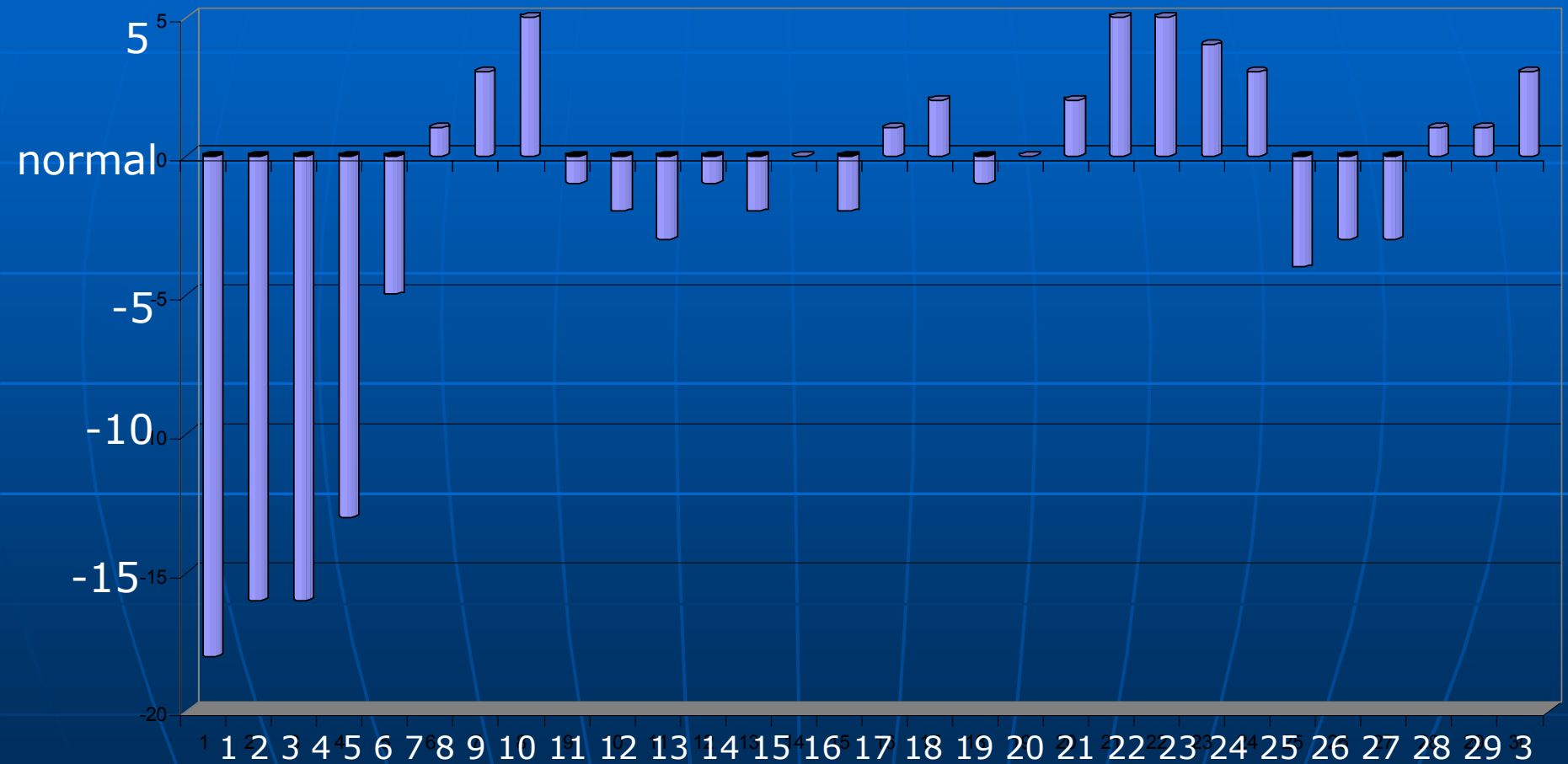
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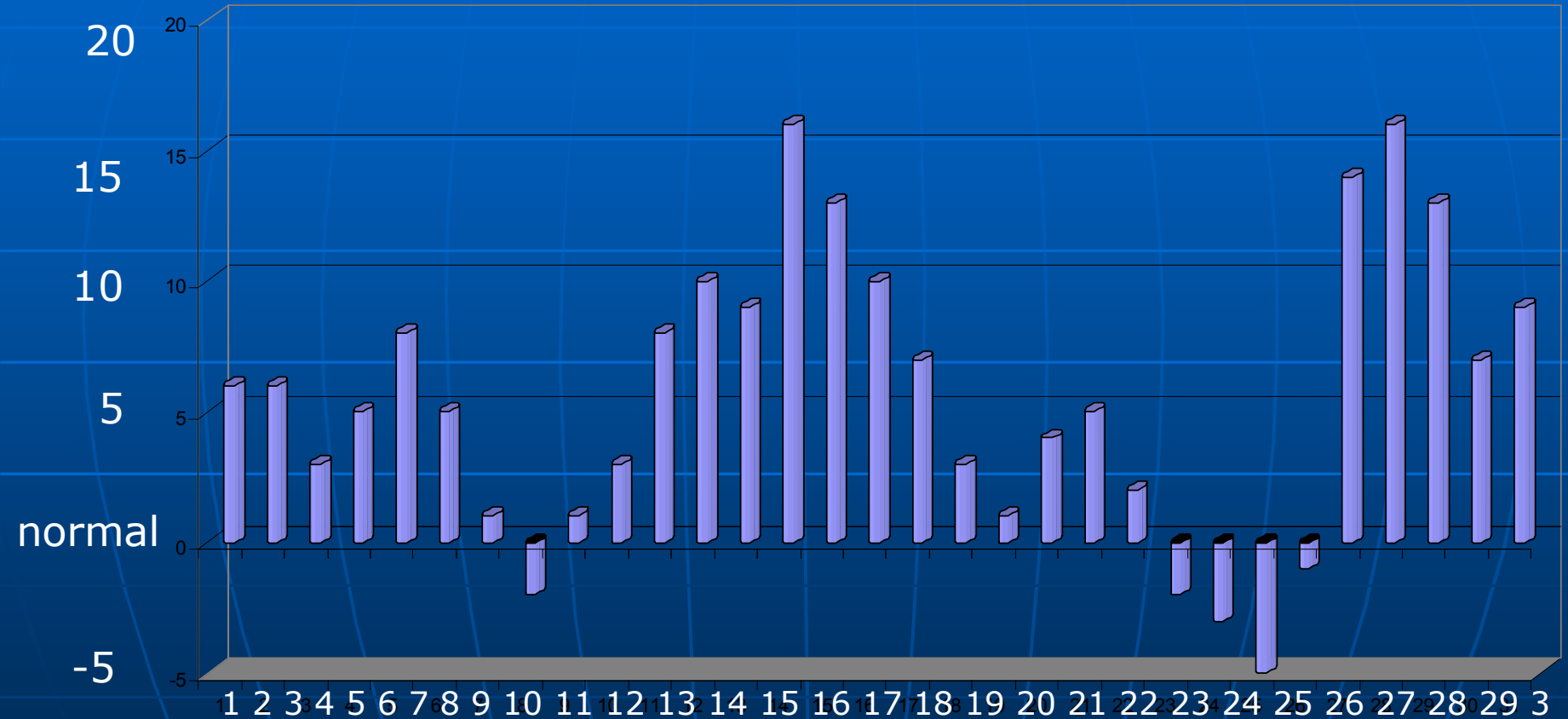
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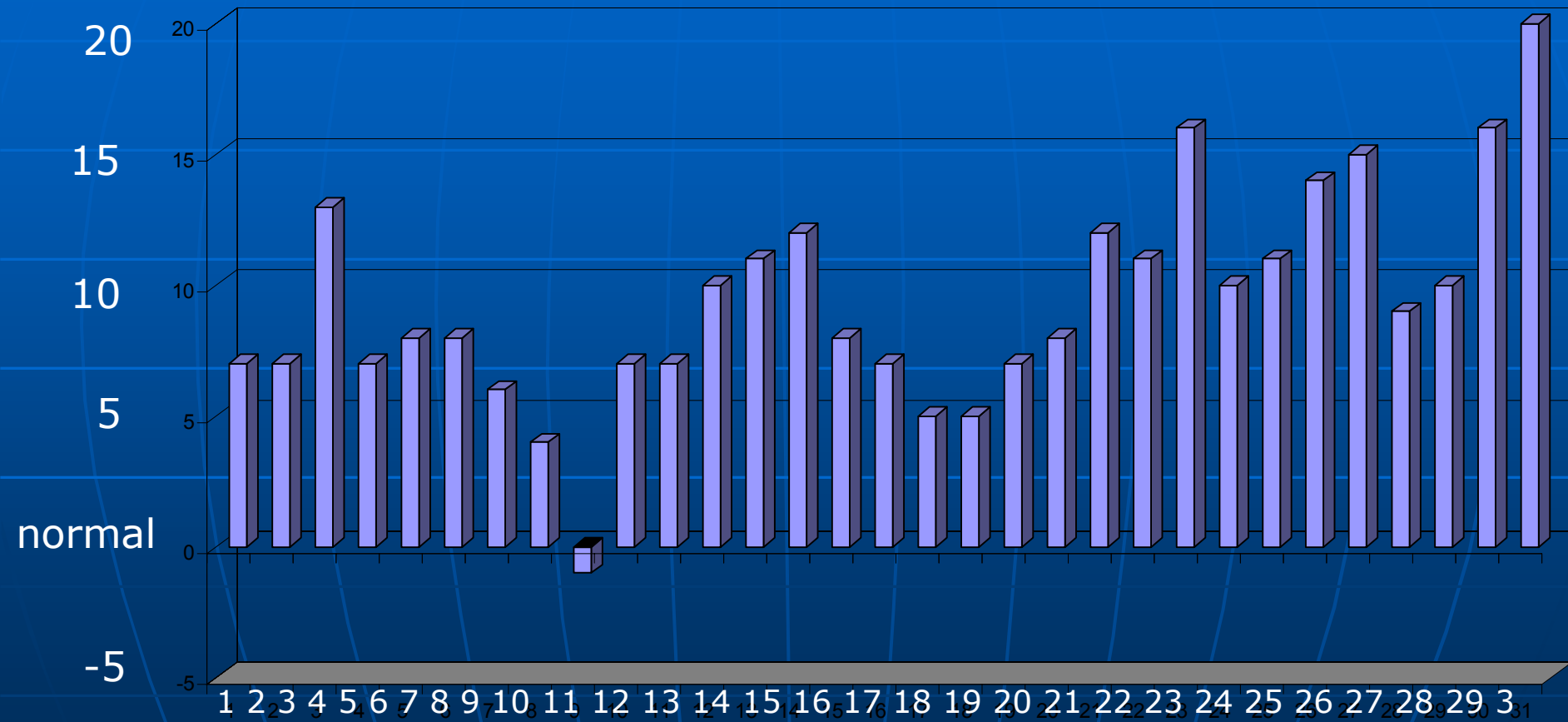
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# December Temperature Departure From Normal (SLC)

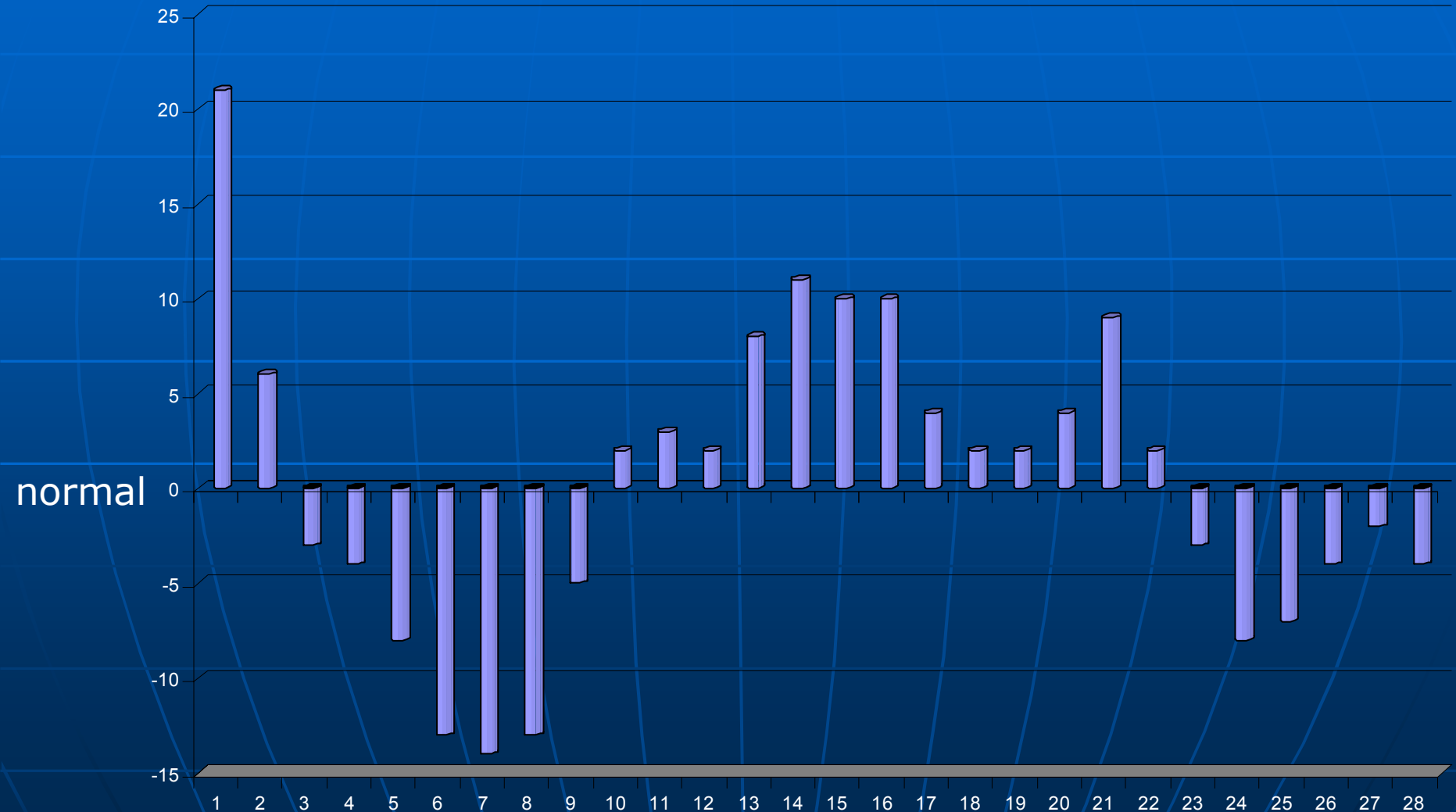


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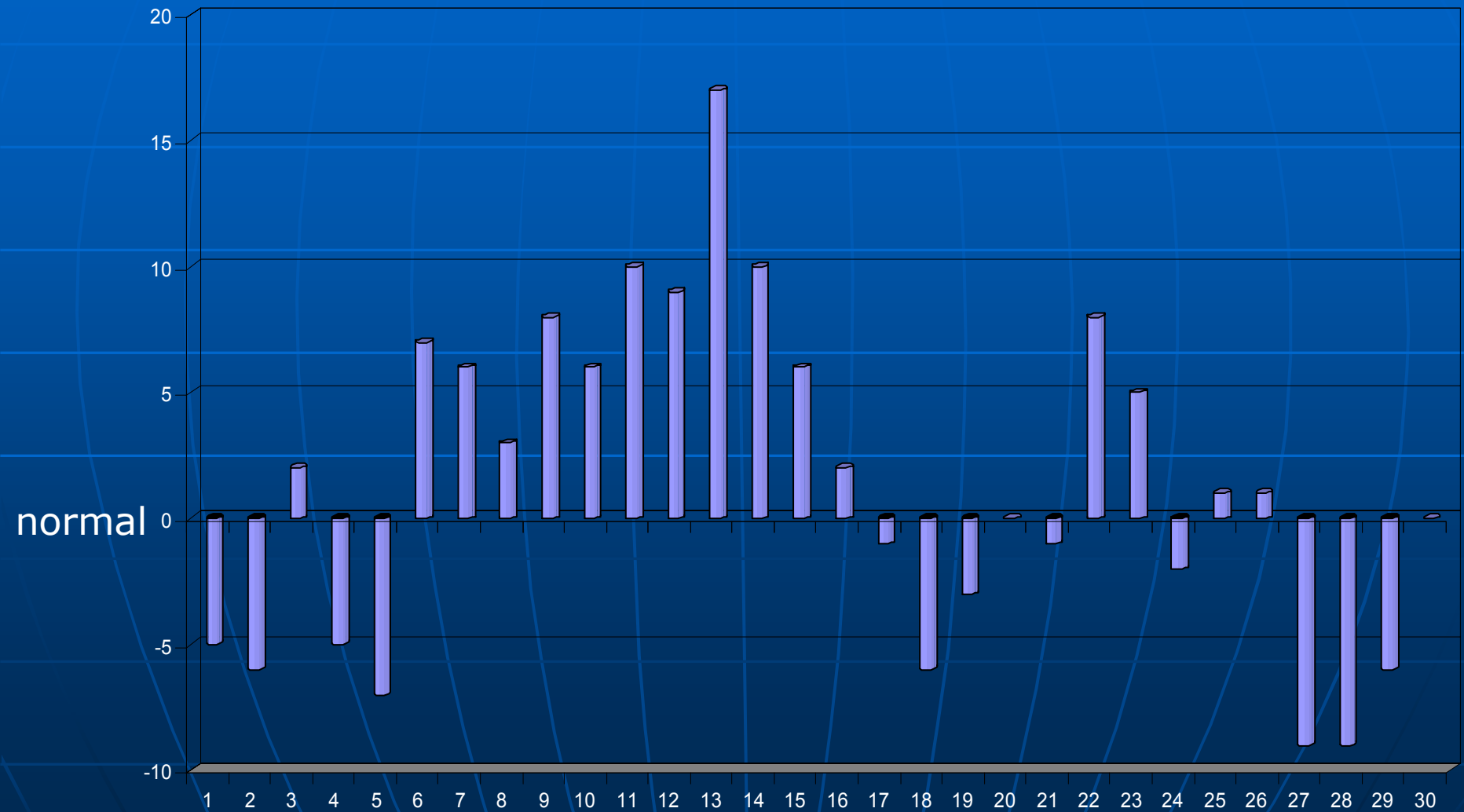




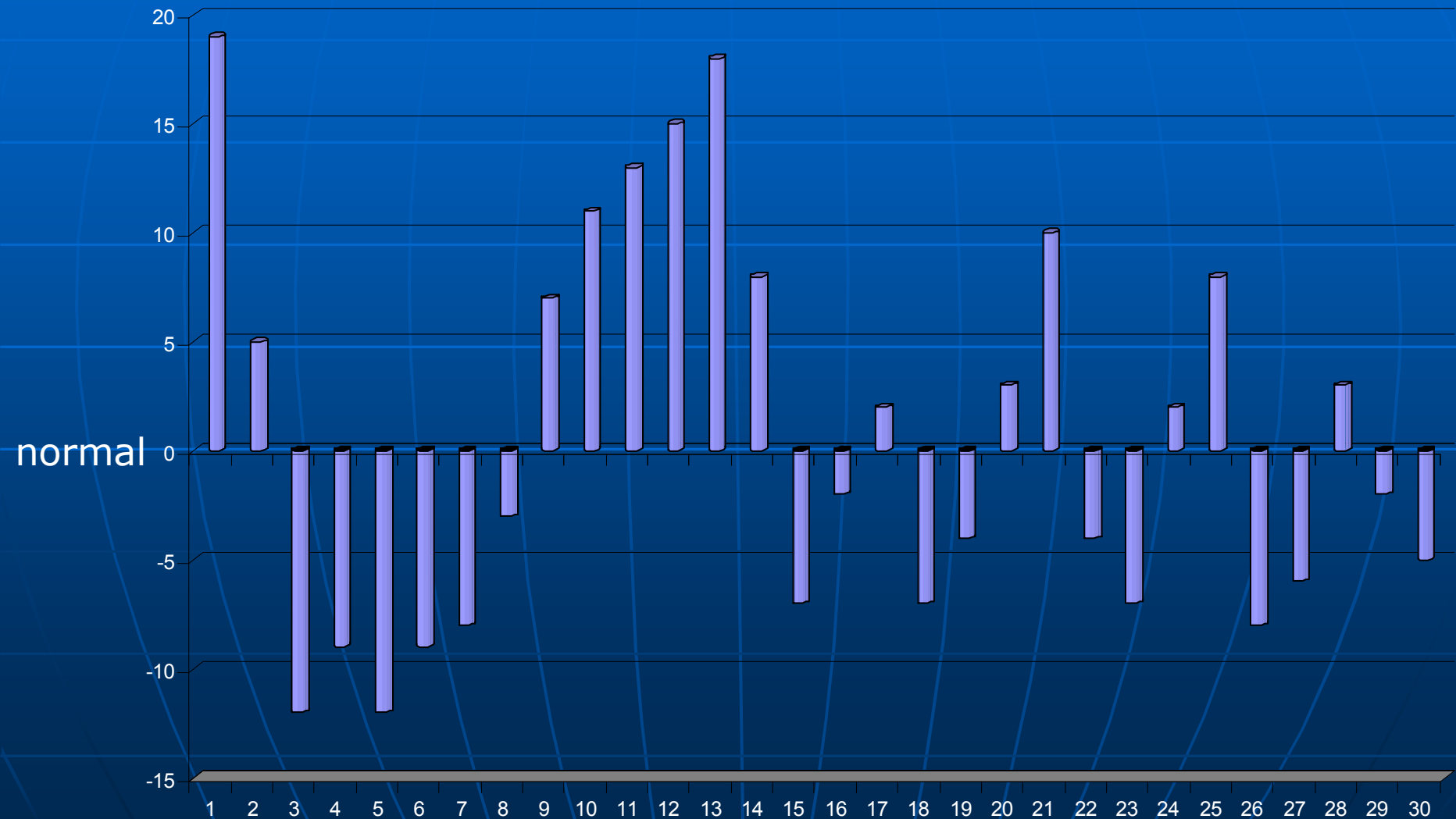
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# March Temperature Departure From Normal (SLC)



# April Temperature Departure From Normal (SLC)



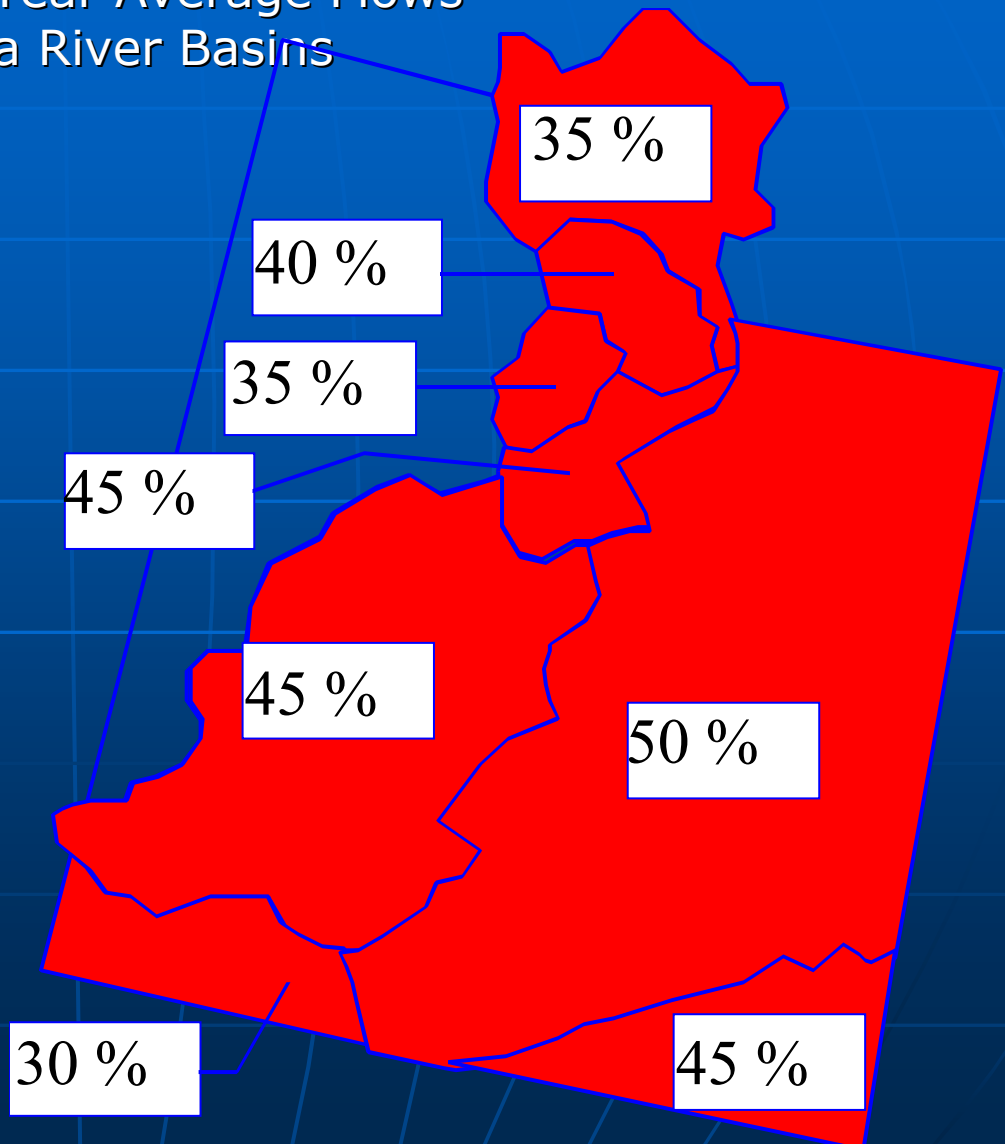
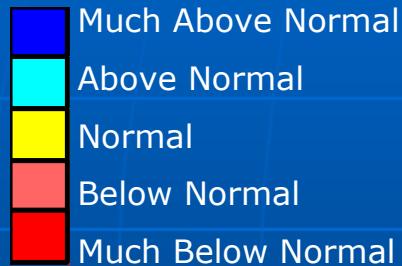
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May 1<sup>st</sup> 2003

April Through July Volume Forecast

Percent of 30 Year Average Flows

Utah Area River Basins



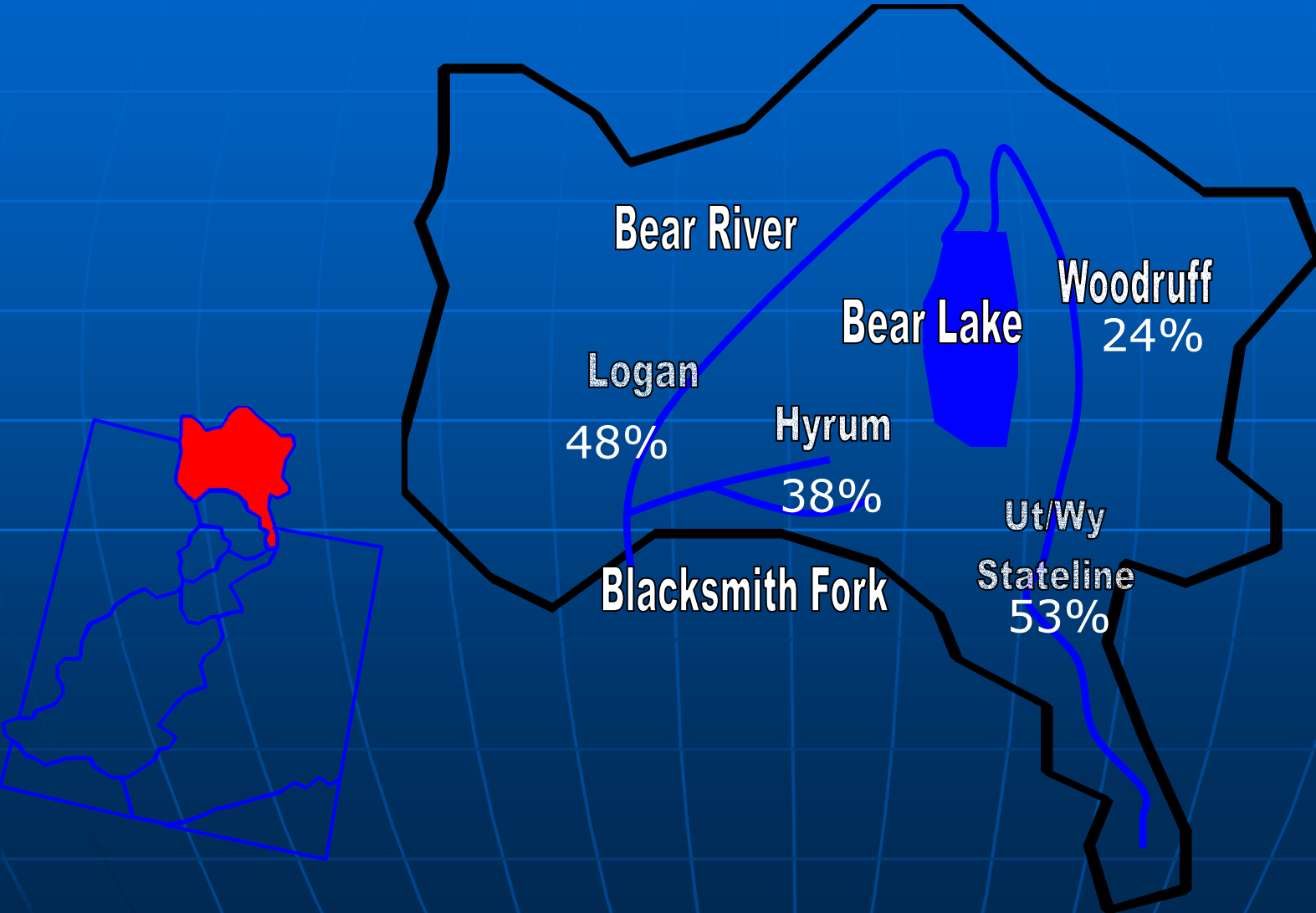
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Bear River Basin



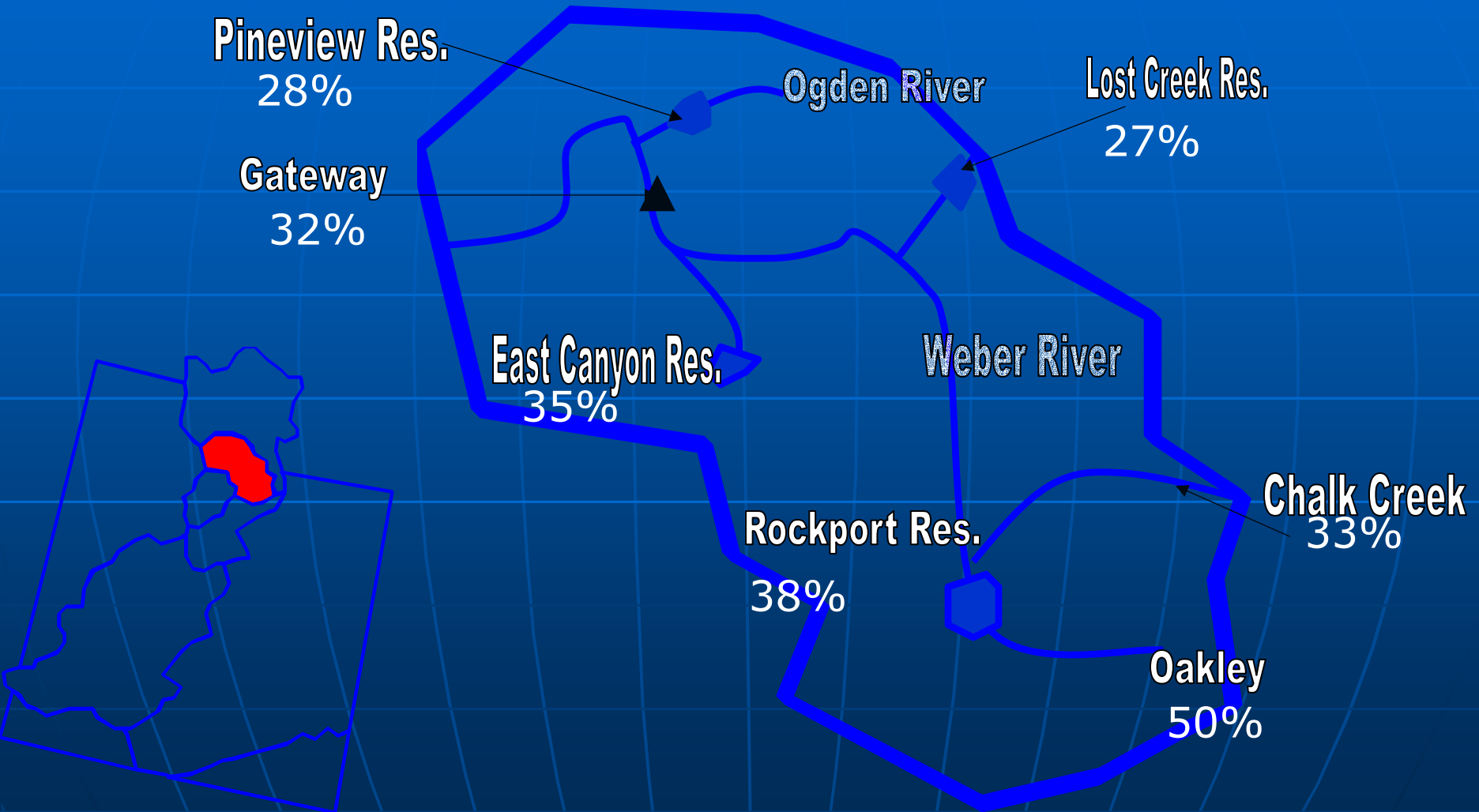
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Six Creeks River Basin



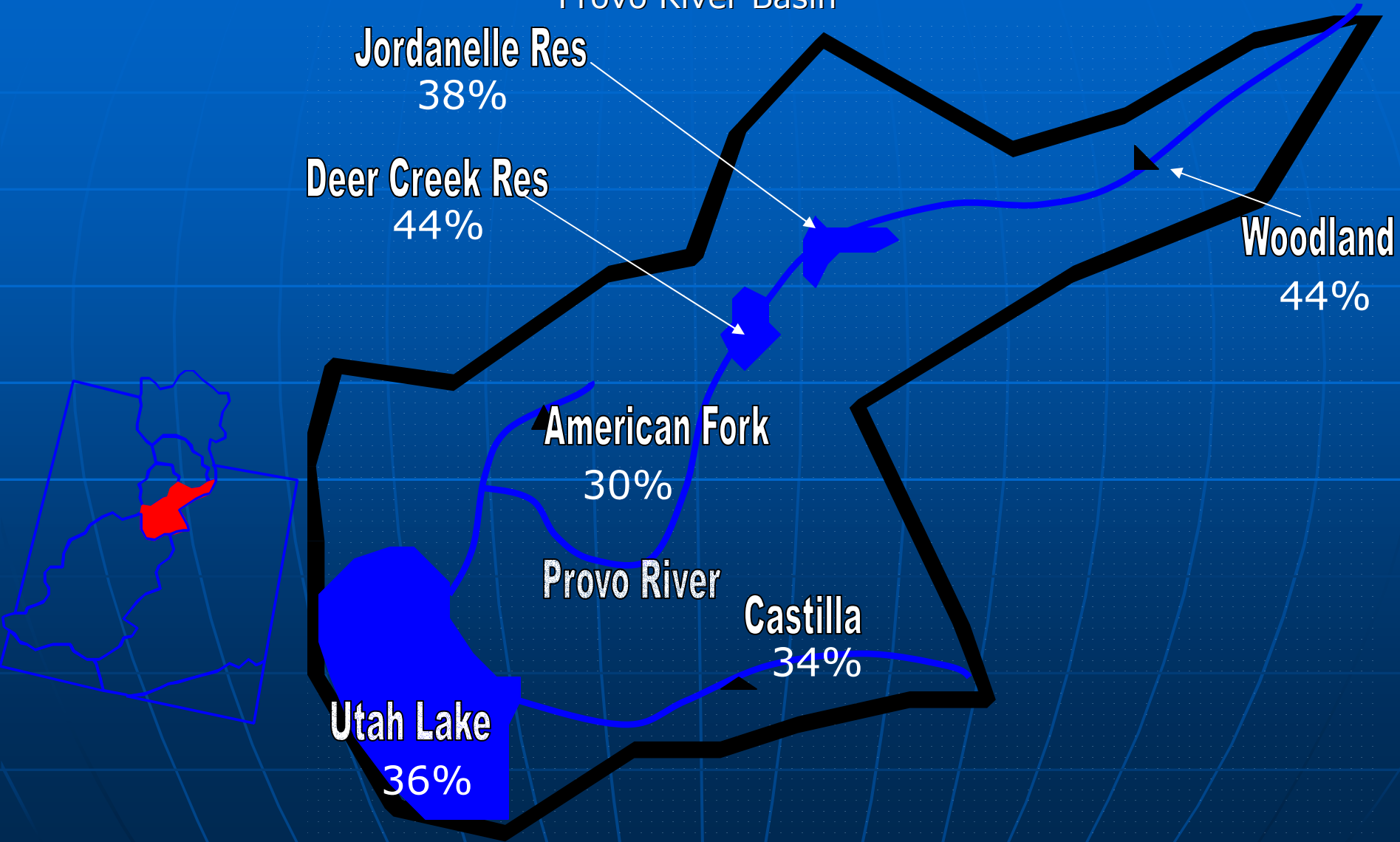
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Provo River Basin





# Forecasted Utah Spring Snowmelt Runoff Volume

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Percent of 30 Year Average Flows

Green River Basin

Strawberry Res.

30%

Starvation Res.

49%

Scofield Res.

59%

Upper Stillwater

55%

Tabiona

48%

Red Fleet Res.

57%

Flaming Gorge Res.

52%

Moon Lake

53%

Duchesne

49%

Myton

23%

Randlett

23%

Price River

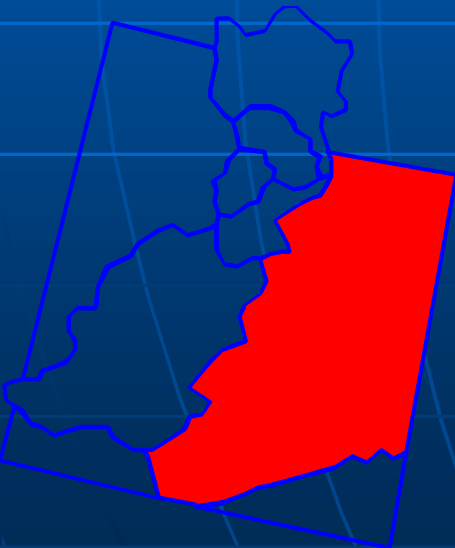
Green River

62%

Colorado River

Lake Powell Res.

57%



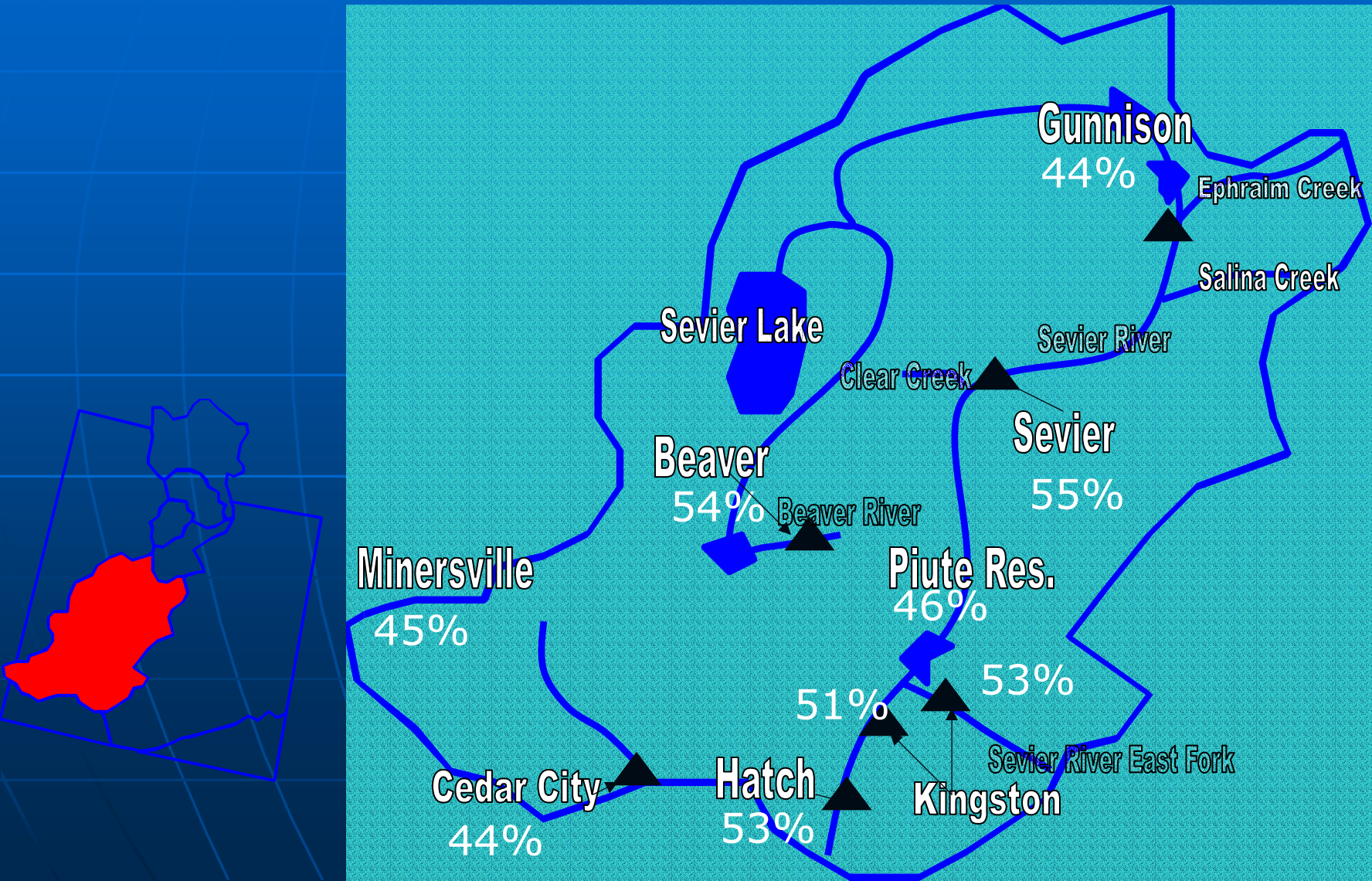
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Sevier River Basin



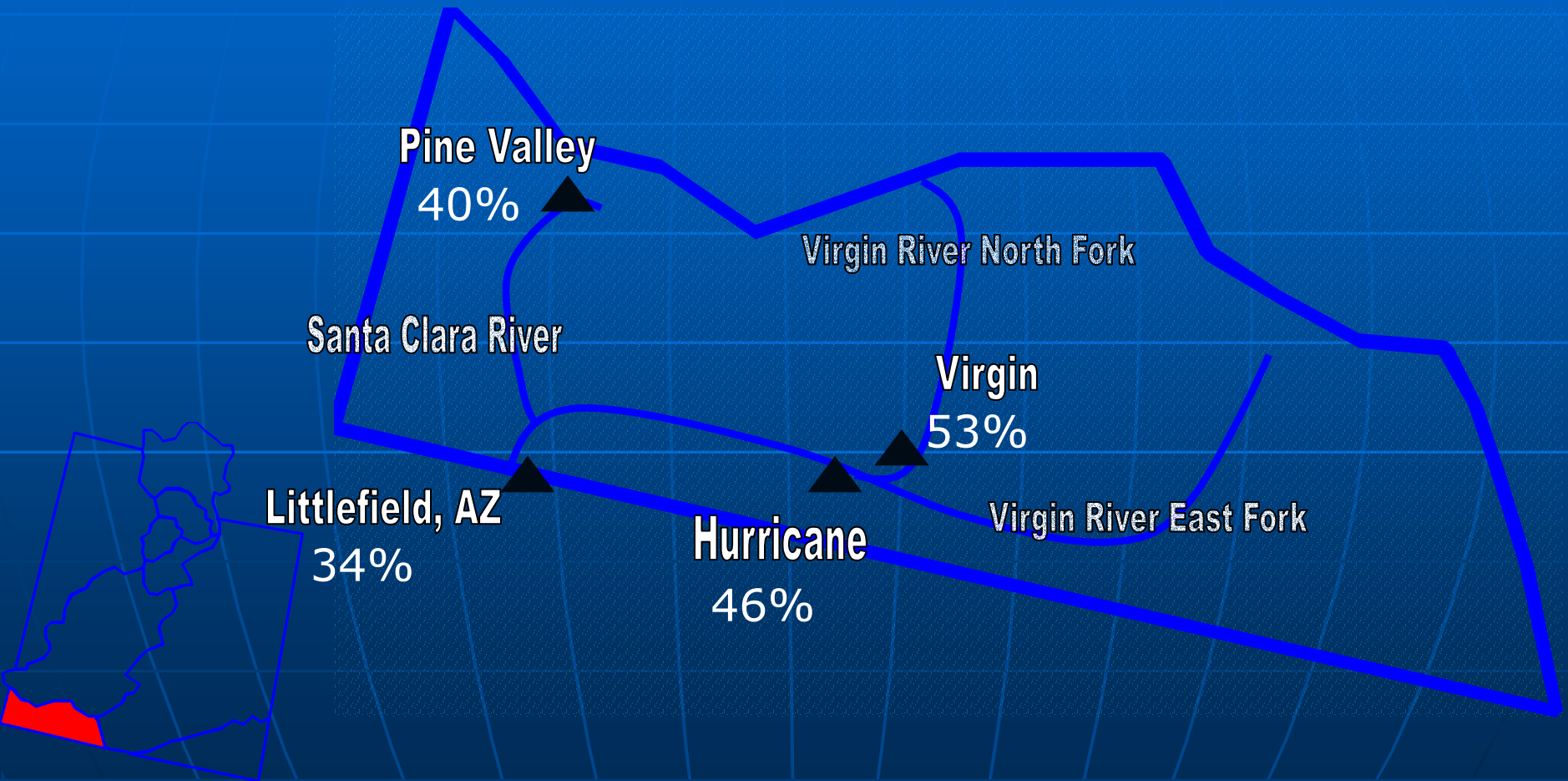
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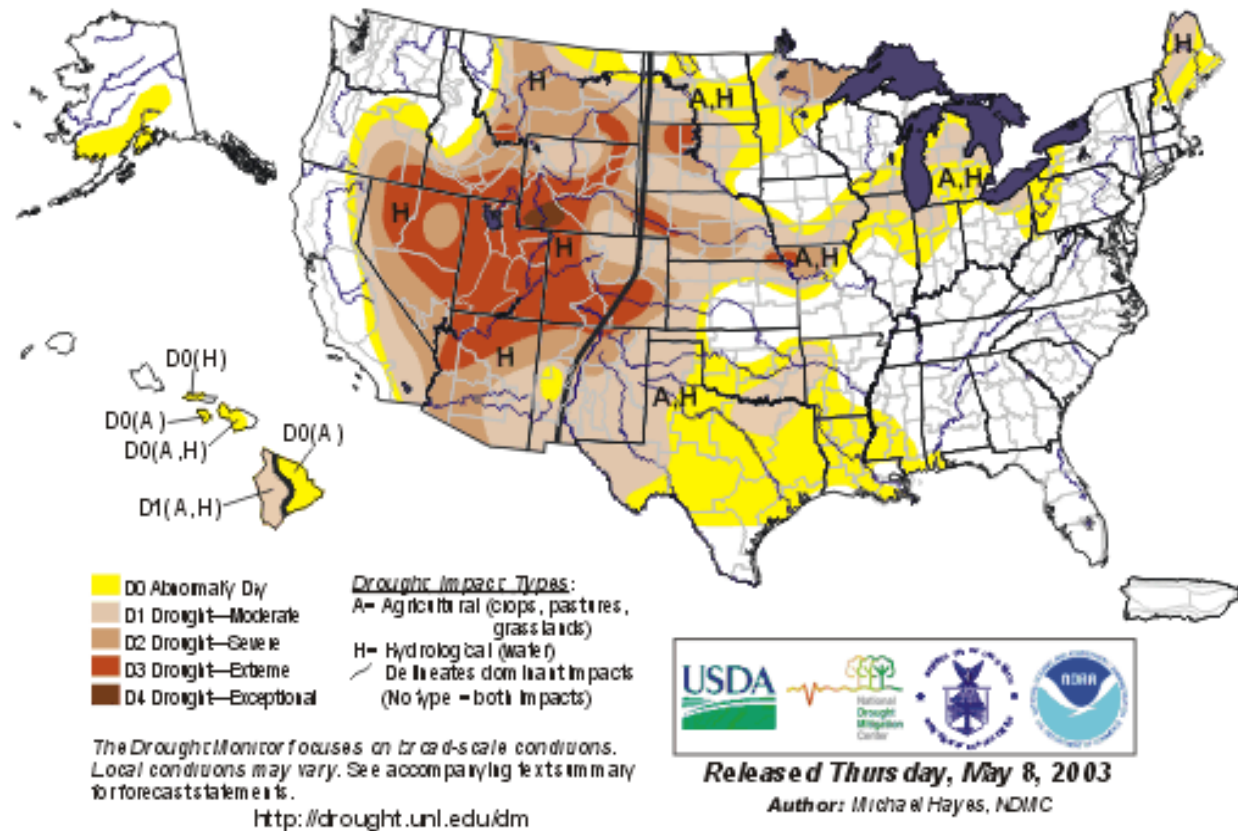
Virgin River Basin



# Spring Drought Outlook

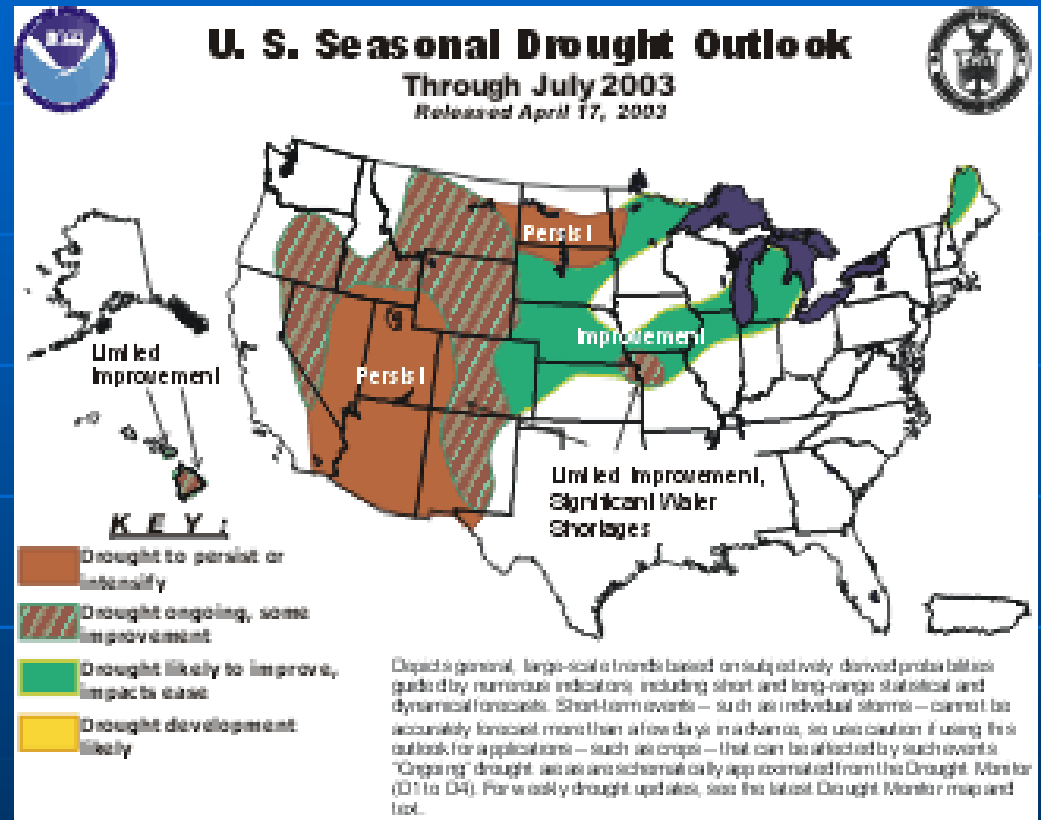
- Utah remains in the central part of the drought
- Probability of coming out of the dry cycle has increased this next year

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# Spring Drought Outlook

- Utah drought expected to persist or intensify



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